GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Killing of Tigers
Kamal Nath Shri ;Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought reports from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding the exact number of tigers killed/died in various tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh during the last two years; and
(b) if so, the details in this regard, year-wise;
(c) whether the poachers involved in killings of the tigers in various tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh have been arrested; and
(d) if so, the details in this regard;
(e) whether the deaths of tigers declared as natural deaths by the forest officials have been probed; and
(f) if so, the details and outcome in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Reports relating to each tiger death from the entire country, inter alia, including the State of Madhya Pradesh is sought every year as per advisories / standard operating procedures issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in this regard. The year-wise details of tiger mortality, for the last two years in respect of Madhya Pradesh are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d)As reported by State of Madhya Pradesh, 46 culprits have been apprehended in crimes related to tiger poaching during the last two years and are undergoing trial in different courts.

(e) & (f)The National Tiger Conservation Authority has issued an advisory that all tiger deaths will be treated as poaching unless and until proved otherwise. Therefore, all the tiger mortality cases are examined by States for ascertaining cause of death through forensic, toxicological, ballistic (if required), pathological examinations besides conducting post-mortem by a team of veterinarians in the presence of representatives of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Chief Wildlife Warden and local body.

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